

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-11 are presented for consideration. Claims 1, 10 and 11 are independent. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify features of the invention. Support for these changes can be found in the application, as filed. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

For the reasons set forth in the Amendment filed on February 10, 2003, Applicant submits that the present invention, as recited in independent claims 1, 10 and 11, is patentably defined over the cited art, whether that art is taken individually or in combination.

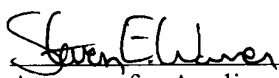
The dependent claims also should be deemed allowable, in their own right, for defining other patentable features of the present invention in addition to those recited in their respective independent claims. Further individual consideration of these dependent claims is requested.

Applicant further submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

Applicant believes that no fees should be incurred in connection with filing this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fees be associated herewith.

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